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Dear Phil:

Thanks for your note of the 10th and the cultures promised. The Pc230 and Col 529-55 sound as if they would fit in especially well with the "artificial" b,i 's we're studying. You mentioned that the latter was unpublished— should I not write to Joan Taylor and check whether she's doing anything along the lines we have in mind? By the way what's happened to the rule of not giving new serotypes binomial names? Has it been revised or is it simply not always observed. I'm especially puzzled by seeing Kauffmann's papers.

What I particularly wanted to write you about was whether you could be interested and able to pay us a visit sometime this year. Joe Wilton has a project (from army or air force funds, the one Dr. Simon is working on) that ties on quite closely to transduction of serotype in Salmonella, and especially to that question of the '5' antigen. They also have some money with which to pay any travel expenses as well as a "consultation fee" of \$25/day [if you are not barred by your federal employment status]. I was about to suggest that you'd probably want to wait till late spring or summer, but I gather you're colder nowadays than we are! Is there any chance of your visiting us for two or three days, on these terms, and talking to various people here who are interested in enteric bacteriology? As we may possibly be away for two or three months this spring, and would not want to miss you, I would suggest June or later, but what do you think of the idea in general terms? We can set a date at your own convenience. Or [Speaking selfishly again, some time during the next three weeks would be ok with me too, as we can't possibly be leaving before then, if we go at all]. I gather it would not be impossible for us to ask you again, if the occasion and convenience arose.]

Yours sincerely,


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